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SELF-CONTAINED SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT HAVING
COMPACT ARRANGEMENT OF LOAD-LOCK AND PROCESSING CHAMBERS

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

In response to the Office action of May 19, 2005, the following remarks are submitted.

Summary of Claimed Invention

Pending claim 13 sets forth semiconductor manufacturing equipment in which a number of the process chambers 32a (or 32b in the embodiment of FIG. 4) and a number of corresponding load lock chambers 34a (or 34b) are disposed side-by-side as oriented parallel to one another at each of first and second sides of the transfer chamber 30a. Also, these first and second sides of the transfer chamber 30a, at which